GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4098
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2000
PAWAN HANS HELECOPTERS
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to utilise the services of the Pawan Hans for commercial purposes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) and (b):- Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited (PHHL) is at present operating its helicopters on commercial basis for meeting the requirements of the Oil Sector as well as the State Governments and the Ministry of Home Affairs in the North-East. Recently, PHHL has commenced regular passenger service on Jammu-Sanjhichat-Jammu and Katra-Sanjichat-Katra sectors for pilgrims visiting the Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine. PHHL has conducted a study for operation of helicopter services to tourists in the Badrinath/Kedarnath sectors.

(c):- Does not arise.